

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 2892,
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SE-
CURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT,
2010

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 15, 2009

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, I rise to oppose this Republican Motion to Instruct Conferees on the Fiscal Year 2010 Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, H.R. 2010.

This Republican motion is nothing more than a political stunt that would delay Congressional action on this important bill that funds the Department of Homeland Security. This agency's ability to operate is crucial in keeping our borders and waters safe, preventing terrorism, and responding to natural disasters.

Furthermore, this is another example of a Republican proposal that blatantly disregards the Constitution. If enacted, it would undermine the principles of due process and a fair trial, both of which are American ideals we hold dear.

For these reasons, I urge a "no" vote.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. CONNIE MACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. MACK. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name: Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, Southwest Florida

Requesting Member: Congressman CONNIE MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of FY 2010

Account: O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: United States Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20314

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$1,313,000; This project would provide for maintenance dredging in four areas of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GICW). The areas in need of maintenance dredging include the mouth of Caloosahatchee River (Miserable Mile in Lee County) and the Boca Grande Bayou area (Miller's Marina in Lee County) of the GICW.

Project Name: Naples to Big Marco Pass

Requesting Member: Congressman CONNIE MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of FY 2010

Account: O&M

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: United States Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20314

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$722,000; The Naples to Big Marco Pass, also known as the Gordon River Pass in Collier County, supports the commercial fishing, stone crab harvesting, sport fishing and tourism industries. The Pass also supports the County's marinas and is used by residential boaters. Typically, the Pass is dredged every four or five years. It was last dredged in 2002 and needs to be dredged this year because shoaling diminishes the water depth in the channel.

Project Name: Lee County, FL (Reimbursement)

Requesting Member: Congressman CONNIE MACK

Bill Number: H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of FY 2010

Account: Construction

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: United States Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Requesting Entity: 441 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20314

Description of Request/Justification of Federal Funding: \$645,000; There are three sections to the Lee County shore protection project (Captiva, Gasparilla, and Estero Islands) which were authorized as federal shore protection projects. Lee County advanced the Gasparilla section, which was completed in the Spring of 2007. The funding will allow for the reimbursement of the federal share to the County for the Gasparilla beach re-nourishment project.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Madam Speaker, I regret that a death in my family delayed my return to Washington this week. I was, therefore, unable to cast a vote on a number of rollcall votes on Tuesday, October 20, and Wednesday, October 21, 2009.

Had I been present on Tuesday, October 20, I would have voted "yes" on H. Res. 558, supporting the increased understanding of, and interest in, computer science and computing careers among the public and in schools, and to ensure an ample and diverse future technology workforce through the designation of National Computer Science Education Week; "yes" on H.R. 3319, designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 440 South Gulling Street in Portola, California, as the "Army Specialist Jeremiah Paul McCleery Post Office Building"; and "yes" on H.R. 3763, amending the Fair Credit Reporting Act to provide for an exclusion from Red Flag Guidelines for certain businesses.

Had I been present on Wednesday, October 21, I would have voted "yes" on H. Res. 811, expressing support for designation of October 2009 as "National Principals Month." No school can be great without a great principal, and my district is fortunate to have an outstanding group of principals. High-quality school leadership is critical to supporting America's next generation of leaders and innovators.

I also would have also voted "yes" on S. 1793, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment

Extension Act of 2009; "yes" on H. Res. 837, recognizing Kentucky Wesleyan College for its service as an institution of higher education for over 150 years; "yes" on H. Res. 660, recognizing the distinguished history of the Laurinburg Normal Industrial Institute; and "yes" on S. Con. Res. 43, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to former Senator Edward Brooke.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN R. CARTER

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. CARTER. Madam Speaker, on October 20 and 21, 2009, I was unable to be present for all rollcall votes due to an unexpected delay. If present, I would have voted accordingly on the following rollcall votes: roll No. 790—"yea"; roll No. 791—"yea"; roll No. 792—"yea"; roll No. 793—"yea"; roll No. 794—"yea"; roll No. 795—"yea"; roll No. 796—"yea" and roll No. 797—"yea."

HONORING DONALD D. LAUB

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to a man whose life and pursuits have exemplified the spirit of fortitude and the virtues of family demonstrated by so many of those who work to provide food and fiber to our great nation. Many factors have contributed to California's bountiful agriculture industry and the economic well-being of the State of California, but one underlying factor in California's agricultural success has been the fortitude of those such as Donald D. Laub. A long-time Fresno county agricultural leader and Easton-area grape grower, Donald passed away on Oct. 20, 2009.

Born on July 22, 1933, in Fresno, Don Laub was involved in farming for the majority of his 76 years. At the tender age of 9-years-old, Don was called upon to assist his mother Anna and twin brother Ronald in keeping the family farm going when his father Henry died in 1943. These early years of working the farm would set the foundation for Don's entire agricultural career.

In 1954, Don married Clara Fogal. The Laubs soon expanded the family farm to the Easton area of Fresno County with the purchase of prime vineyard land. Under Don's direction, Laub Ranches quickly became known for producing premium table grapes, raisins and wine grapes. As part of J&L Vineyards, Don was one of the first to embrace and actively use integrated pest management and trellis designs for table grapes. Four generations have now engaged in the family business. His grandson, Ryan Jacobsen, is executive director of the Fresno County Farm Bureau, and his mother, Debbie Jacobsen, Mr. Laub's daughter, became the first female president of the Fresno-area chapter in 2002. Through Don's example, they have endured many challenges, but all with the tenacity of a

strong family farm ethic whose commitment has remained to agriculture as a business, as well as a way-of-life. Up until his untimely death, Don was still actively farming and pursuing new agricultural challenges for his business.

Mr. Laub was a respected leader in local agricultural and community organizations. For more than 50 years, Don was involved with the Fresno County Farm Bureau, serving as the organization's president from 1986–88. He represented Fresno County on the California Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors, and served on several advisory committees for the state and national Farm Bureau organizations. In 1996, Don received the Distinguished Service Award from the California Farm Bureau Federation. 1994 brought an extra-special time as both the Laub and his in-laws, the Jacobsen family, received the Fresno County Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award in 1994. That same year, Don was selected as the Fresno County Agriculturalist of the Year. In 2001, J&L Vineyards received the Agricultural Business of the Year Award.

Renowned for his passion and dedication to agriculture, Don Laub also served on the boards of directors of the Ag One Foundation at Fresno State, California Association of Winegrape Growers, Farm Labor Alliance, the advisory committee for the U.C. Extension Field Station in Parlier, and for several wine industry boards and commissions. In the late-1980s, Don was appointed to serve on the federal Western Region Immigration and Naturalization Service Advisory Committee. He was later appointed to serve on the Big Fresno Fair Board of Directors and the Fresno County Planning Commission. Don was a member of the California Agricultural Leadership Program, Class III.

In addition to his service to agriculture, Don assumed leadership roles in the Easton community, having served as a trustee and president of the American Union Elementary School Board and Washington Union High School Board. He also served as a director of the Fresno County Public Schools Foundation. Don's passion for education was evident in his program to host inner-city school children from Los Angeles and Fresno on his farm during the 1990s to learn more about agriculture. Don served in the Biola Congregational Church, and on the boards of Twilight Haven Convalescent Home, Fresno County Civil Service Commission, and Fresno County Affordable Housing Task Force.

Donald D. Laub will always be remembered for his passion for Agricultural issues, dedication to his family and friends, and for his lifetime of service to his industry and community. He will be greatly missed, but his legacy will continue throughout all of California's San Joaquin Valley.

CONGRATULATING JAKE SCHULTZ
FOR RECEIVING AN AWARD
FROM THE NATIONAL ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL HONORS SOCIETY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 22, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate a fine young man, Jake

Schultz, on his receiving an award of recognition from the National Elementary School Honors Society. A fifth-grade student at Sagemont School in Weston, Florida, Jake, and 24 of his classmates, has received this honor for outstanding academic achievement and for demonstrating responsibility at home, school, and in his community. While Jake's mother, my esteemed friend and colleague, Congresswoman DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, insisted on there being no official recognition, I nevertheless equally insist on acknowledging Jake's stellar accomplishments. I know that both of his parents are extremely proud.

Jake has demonstrated leadership and accomplishment not only through his hard work in school and excellent grades but also through his community activism. Jake's community service includes the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life, the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, the Turkey Trot for Kids in Distress, and his work with a Miami orphanage.

There is an old saying that "all work and no play makes a dull boy." To that end, I should point out that Jake also excels in his efforts outside the classroom. He enjoys playing shortstop for the Hawks, a local baseball all-star travel team, where he has served as both captain and co-captain. Both he and his sister, Rebecca, attend Hebrew School twice a week and have a demonstrated commitment to their faith, family, and friends.

Jake sets an excellent example for his friends and peers in his approach to leadership. I applaud Jake for this honor that he has worked so hard to achieve, and I urge him to continue his dedication to academic achievement and community and public service.

RAISING AWARENESS AND ENHANCING THE STATE OF CYBER SECURITY IN THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the Homeland Security Committee, a member of the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cyber Security, and Science and Technology, and a co-sponsor of this legislation, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 797, the "National Cyber Security Awareness Month Resolution." October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month, and in this digital age when so much of our country's economic and financial transactions are conducted in cyberspace over distributed computing networks, there are few higher priorities than cyber security.

Mr. Speaker, I thank YVETTE CLARK, the gentle lady from New York and Chair of the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cyber Security, and Science and Technology, for her leadership and vision in recognizing the importance of cyber security in our overall national security. I could not agree more with Congresswoman CLARKE that it is not enough to just acknowledge the importance of this issue. In this digital age, we must work with federal agencies, national organizations, businesses, and educational institutions to strengthen ex-

isting security measures and to develop new methods to enhance the cyber security of the United States.

The tragedy of September 11th shook our national security like no event before or since. Although our Nation has remained safe and secure from physical attacks during the eight years since that terrible day, in this digital age we must remain vigilant against a possible terrorist attack on our cyber networks.

Such an attack could have devastating and immediate consequences for our nation and all of our citizens; funds could not be accessed from ATMs; mail service would be interrupted; the efficient movement of goods would be severely curtailed; capital markets could be shut down; and emergency response operations would be deprived of the information needed to save lives and property.

While this doomsday scenario has been the subject of the silver screen in recent years (e.g., "Die Hard or Live Free," "Eagle Eye"), make no mistake—the danger is very real and we ignore or minimize it at our peril. Many nations, including Russia, China, and North Korea, already possess the capability to launch cyber attacks against unprepared adversaries or competitors. And terrorist groups like al Qaeda are working round the clock to acquire this capability. Clearly, the United States must be proactive if we are to secure the physical and cyber networks of our country.

That is why I am also an original co-sponsor of H.R. 2195, the "Critical Electric Infrastructure Protection Act." Among other things, this legislation provides the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission the authority to create mandatory physical and cyber security standards for the electric power system. I look forward to the day when the Homeland Security Committee reports this legislation favorably to the House.

But today, I am very proud to stand with Chairwoman CLARKE in support of H. Res. 797, which is a clarion call to action to secure our nation's cyber networks. I urge all Members to join with me in voting for this resolution.

CONDEMNING PERSECUTION OF BAHAI'S IN IRAN

SPEECH OF

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H. Res. 175 and I thank the gentleman from Illinois, Representative MARK KIRK, for bringing this to the floor. This legislation makes it clear that the Congress of the United States of America will continue to stand strong against the religious persecution by the Government of Iran of the Baha'i community.

The ruthless persecution of those of the Baha'i faith by the Iranian Ministry of Information in Shiraz has lead to jailing of Iranian citizens targeted solely on the basis of their religion. This persecution includes the jailing of Ms. Raha Sabet, 33; Mr. Sasan Taqva, 32; and Ms. Haleh Roohi, 29; who are currently serving four-year prison terms for educating underprivileged children.

In accordance with prior Congressional action, the Department of State has since released a statement urging the Iranian Regime